



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Hollister Animal Control Respond To Pit Bull Attacks

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – August 23, 2010 – The Hollister Police Department's Animal Control Bureau responded to two Pit Bull attacks in the last week. The attacks resulted in the death of three cats and one Chihuahua dog.

On August 18, 2010, Animal Control Officers responded to Fremont Way for a report of a Pit Bull and a Chihuahua dog that attacked and killed three cats. Animal Control Officers responded to Fremont Way and found three deceased cats that appeared to have been killed by a dog. Witnesses stated a Pit Bull mixed breed dog and a Chihuahua dog had broken through a fence into a neighboring yard, attacking and killing three small cats. Animal Control Officers located the Pit Bull dog running at large at Veterans Memorial Park. The Chihuahua dog was later found dead after being hit by a car on Liberty Drive.

On August 20, 2010, Animal Control Officers responded to a report of another Pit Bull attack. A man was walking his Chihuahua dog on a leash on San Benito St. A Pit Bull approached and attacked the Chihuahua. The large Pit Bull bit the Chihuahua around its neck, violently shaking it, and then carried off the Chihuahua in its mouth. The man chased the Pit Bull and after a short struggle was able to retrieve his dog. The man took his Chihuahua to a local veterinary office for emergency treatment. The dog sustained severe injuries in the attack and died the next morning.

Both Pit Bulls have been impounded by Animal Control Officers.

The Animal Control Bureau wants to remind all dog owners to check their fences daily for broken boards and make sure their pets are secured in their yard at all times.

The City of Hollister has a Dangerous Dog Ordinance to ensure the safety of the public and their domestic animals. The public is encouraged to report any and all dogs running at large and any incidents involving aggressive dogs to local law enforcement or the Animal Control Bureau at 636-4320.

The Hollister Police Department's Animal Control Bureau is located at 1331 South Street.

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